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Grant Opportunity due Oct. 4: Main and Service Line Replacement Projects

EPA is requesting applications for the following:

“Communities embarking on the replacement of lead water pipes, and thus digging up and reconstructing streets, are invited to apply for our Green and Complete Streets tool. The tool will help them capitalize on water infrastructure upgrades as an opportunity to rebuild more pedestrian and bike-friendly streets that better manage stormwater on-site.

GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS: A green and complete street incorporates green infrastructure to manage stormwater while making the street more aesthetically appealing and safer for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. This tool will help communities develop strategies for greening their streets based on national models and case studies.

Eligibility: The applicant can be a local, county, or tribal government, or a nonprofit organization that has the support of the local government on whose behalf they are applying.

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on October 4, 2018.”

Questions regarding this request and to obtain the project requirements should be directed to David Doyle at 913-551-7667 or by email at Doyle.David@epa.gov

DNR Staff Update

Trent Lambert has been promoted to Supervisor of DNR's Field Office 2 in Mason City. Trent replaces Jeff Vansteenburgh, who retired at the end of June. Trent's first day on the job in his new position was September 7th.

Jessica Ragsdale is the new Administrative Assistant 2 in DNR's Field Office 1 in Manchester. Jess replaces Brenda Streicher, who was promoted to Environmental Specialist several months ago. Jess began her duties on July 30th.

DWSRF Intended Use Plan approved by EPC

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission approved the Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan - Quarter 2 Update for fiscal year 2019. The Commission took the action on September 18, 2018, at their meeting in the Osborne Visitor Welcome Center in Elkader, IA.

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)

[Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

For more information, please contact Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0498 or theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

Water Use Program Annual Fee approved by EPC

On Tuesday, September 18, the Environmental Protection Commission approved the 2019 annual water use fee of \$134.00. Invoices were mailed on September 19. The fee is due by December 1st. Any questions, please contact Charlotte Henderson at 515/725-0674 or charlotte.henderson@dnr.iowa.gov.

EPA Releases the Revised 3Ts Guidance for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water

EPA News Release, 9/28/2018

"EPA is releasing the **3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water**. The updated document introduces the new 3Ts, training, testing, and taking action. The revised version is available in an interactive web-format and includes modules, customizable templates, and tools that can help schools when implementing their lead testing programs. EPA has also published a map linking to state programs. This map highlights the voluntary and sometimes regulatory efforts occurring across the country.

BACKGROUND

The 3Ts was developed to assist schools with lead in drinking water prevention programs. It is intended for use by school or child care officials responsible for the maintenance and/or safety of their facilities including the drinking water.

Currently, there are no federal regulations that require testing of drinking water in schools and childcare facilities, except for those that have and/or operate their own public water system and therefore are subject to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). States and local jurisdictions may establish their own programs for testing drinking water lead levels in schools. EPA suggests that schools implement programs for reducing lead in drinking water as part of the school's overall plan for reducing environmental threats. EPA Regions and the states work together to ensure that schools are collecting samples at the right locations and are looking at practices or equipment that could be causing increases in lead, such as old water fountains in the school."

[Website](#)

EPA's Updated Tabletop Exercise Tool for Drinking and Waste Water Utilities

From EPA' Water Security Division, 9/26/2018

"EPA has just updated its Tabletop Exercise (TTX) tool for drinking and wastewater utilities. The TTX tool provides users with the resources to plan, conduct and evaluate tabletop exercises. This 2018 version of the TTX tool contains 12 customizable all-hazards scenarios (e.g., natural disasters, man-made incidents) that will assist utilities to practice, test and improve emergency response plans and procedures."

View the [EPA webpage](#) and download the TTX Tool.

IDNR WS Staff Speaking Engagements

Iowa DNR staff in the water supply program areas are scheduled to speak at the following events. The date, sponsor and event, location, subject, and contact for more information are listed.

- October 10, 2018. IA-AWWA Region 3 Workshop, Western Iowa Tech., Cherokee. "IDNR WS Update." For registration, contact Brad Puetz, Sioux City Water Treatment Plant at 712-279-6130.
- October 11, 2018. IA-AWWA Region 2 Workshop, NIACC, Mason City. "IDNR WS Update." [Registration](#)
- October 16-18, 2018. IA-AWWA Annual Meeting, Grand River Center, Dubuque. "What we can learn from partnership panel; IDNR WS Rules

Update.” [Brochure and registration.](#)

- October 23-24, 2018. IRWA Fall Conference, Grand River Center, Dubuque.
“IDNR WS Update.” [Brochure and registration](#) (agenda is at the bottom of the page)

For other professional development opportunities, see the “Training Calendar” at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/.